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DATE: 2/18/2022

SUBJECT: Update to Armed Robbery Incidents

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NATURE OF INCIDENT: Robbery

CASE NO.: 22021487

INCIDENT DATE: 2/15/2022

INCIDENT TIME: 7:35 p.m.

INCIDENT LOCATION: E Superior St

Update to Armed Robbery Incidents:

After a thorough investigation into Monday, February 14 armed robbery at CVS Pharmacy on E Superior St, Duluth Police Investigators were able to connect 25-year-old Duluth resident Austin Nichols to that armed robbery as well.

The armed robbery on Monday was the first of three armed robberies that occurred within two days. Officers arrested Nichols Tuesday, February 15 without incident and brought him to the St. Louis County Jail. Nichols is pending three counts of 1st Degree Aggravated Robbery.

Outstanding work by our officers and investigators for apprehending Nichols and holding him accountable for his actions.

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Duluth Police Officers Arrest Individual on Pending Two Counts of Armed Robbery Charges

Duluth Police Officers were dispatched to two more armed robberies in the Plaza area on E Superior St Tuesday evening. One was at Walgreens and the other was at Jimmy Johns. After officers talked with reporting parties at both locations, it is believed that the individual responsible for these two robberies may be the same individual. Responding officer's patrolled the area and a K9 track was conducted in an attempt to locate the individual.

Officers located the individual, later identified as 25-year-old Duluth resident Austin Nichols, and apprehended him without incident. After searching the area, officers located and seized the knife nearby. Nichols was interviewed and was identified by witnesses as the individual responsible for the robbery at Jimmy Johns and Walgreens.

Nichols was transported to a local hospital for an evaluation and was booked in the St. Louis County Jail on pending charges of two counts of Armed Robbery. There were no injuries involved in both these incidents and Nichols took an undisclosed amount of money.

Investigators are still working tirelessly to gather evidence and surveillance video/pictures on the incident that occurred Monday evening at CVS Pharmacy. Once more information becomes available we will release it without affecting the integrity of our investigation.

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